

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a method for controlling the opening and closing of the intake valves of an internal combustion engine with a direct fuel injection system, comprising at least one first intake valve and a second intake valve per cylinder, wherein each valve respectively opening or closing a first and second intake duct per cylinder can be controlled independently of the other valve, wherein at least one of the ducts is supplied with fuel and at least one of the other ducts is not supplied with fuel. According to the invention, said method consists in controlling the valve or valves corresponding to the intake ducts supplied with fuel during the time intervals when the injection system does not function. The invention also relates to a system for the application of said method.